

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Favorable reconsideration of this application is respectfully requested.

Claims 4, 6-10, 14, and 17 are pending in this application. Claims 1-3, 5, 11-13, 15, and 16 are canceled by the present response without prejudice.

Claims 1, 2, 11, 12, and 16 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph. Claims 1-3, 5, 11-13, and 15-16 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as anticipated by U.S. patent 5,887,194 to Carson et al. (herein "Carson"). Claims 6-10 and 17 were noted as allowable if rewritten or amended to overcome the rejections thereto under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph. Claims 4 and 14 were noted as allowable if rewritten to overcome the rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, and to include all of the limitations of their base claims and any intervening claims.

Applicants gratefully acknowledge the indication of the allowable subject matter in claims 4, 6-10, 14, and 17.

The present response is submitted to place the above-identified application in condition for allowance based on the indication of allowable subject matter. By the present amendment each of claims 1-3, 5, 11-13, and 15-16 rejected over Carson is canceled by the present response. Further, each of claims 4 and 14 is amended by the present response to be rewritten in independent form.

The claims are also amended by the present response to address the rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph.

Claims 1, 6, 11, and 16-17 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph as the term "the specified command" was not clear because the specification is not clearly recited.

In response to that position in the Office Action, applicants note that the claims now refer to a "designated command". The claim language is intended to indicate that, for

example in amended independent claim 4, the second reserve command permits transmission of a "designated command" to the first target from other control devices. That "designated command" can be any type of command.

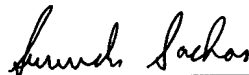
The amended claim language is believed to address the rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph.

Thus, each of pending claims 4, 6-10, 14, and 17 is believed to be in full compliance with all requirements under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, and is believed to be allowable based on the indication of allowable subject matter in the outstanding Office Action.

As no other issues are pending in this application, it is respectfully submitted that the present application is now in condition for allowance, and it is hereby respectfully requested that this case be passed to issue.

Respectfully submitted,

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